

LSTA Grants Awarded June 2017

Digital Imaging- \$283,536

Barry-Lawrence Regional Library- \$27,229

The library will digitize three newspaper titles from Barry and Lawrence counties. These three titles span from 1875 through 1994 and will add 65,000 pages of newspaper content.

Cameron Public Library- \$30,407

The library will digitize seven newspaper titles: *Missouri Sun*, *Cameron Observer*, *Cameron Sun and Weekly Observer*, *Plattsburg Leader*, and the *Lathrop Optimist*. Published from 1868 through 1974, these newspapers served as a major source of information and news to the communities of Cameron, Lothrop, and Plattsburg in Clinton County.

Caruthersville Public Library- \$17,305

The library will digitize eight newspapers from the city of Caruthersville and Pemiscot County covering the years 1891 through 1966. This project will provide access to the region's history, family life, politics, and industrial advances, for genealogists, historians and patrons.

Gentry County Library- \$16,804

The library will digitize newspapers published in Gentry County covering the years 1903 through 1975. The publications include the *Tri-County News*, *Stanberry Herald*, and the *Stanberry Headlight*.

Henry County Library- \$25,227

The library will digitize newspapers published in Henry County covering the years 1875 through 1966. Materials selected will represent pivotal historical events for Henry County and the surrounding area during this timeframe.

Kansas City Public Library- \$49,225

The project will continue the next phase in the digitization of legal and corporate documents, letters and telegrams, editorial cartoons, pamphlets, photographs, sound recordings, and films from the "interwar period" in the Kansas City region. Project partners who possess major collections from the time period that will be shared for the project include the National Archives at Kansas City, the State Historical Society, University of Missouri-Kansas City, the Black Archives of Mid-America, and the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum.

Springfield-Greene County Library- \$56,250

The Springfield-Greene County Library District will again partner with the News-Leader Media Group to digitize 23,000 photographs from the newspaper's photo archives covering the years 1950 through 1989. This collection vividly documents a period of rapid change in Springfield and the Ozarks, including images from Route 66, the Frisco Railroad, women in the workforce, economic and urban growth, agricultural developments, political movements, cultural changes, and daily life.

St. Charles City-County Library District- \$13,207

The library plans to digitize *The Wentzville Union* from 1914 through 1963. This project will give access to rich original resources about the history of Wentzville and the surrounding area. This project will provide access to the region's history, family life, politics, and industrial advances, for genealogists, historians and patrons.

St. Joseph Public Library- \$18,729

The library plans to digitize 49,500 pages of several historical newspapers from St. Joseph covering the years 1850 through 1955. The publications include the *St. Joseph Dollar Herald*, the *St. Joseph Stock Yards Journal*, the *St. Joseph Times-Review*, the *St. Joseph Weekly Union*, the *Weekly West*, and other local historical newspaper from the St. Joseph area.

William Jewell College- \$29,153

The library will digitize *The Word and Way*, a publication associated with the Southern Baptist Convention from July 1896 through December 1979. This project will digitize approximately 70,000 pages. The William E. Partee Center, a part of William Jewell College Curry Library and Archives, plans to partner with the Missouri Digital Newspaper Project to digitize the content.

Library Service Improvement- \$44,435**Cape Girardeau Public Library- \$11,250**

The library will develop a long range strategic plan. To accomplish this goal, the library will purchase a 12-month subscription to application software to create patron profiles. Ultimately, the library will use the information to develop an online survey and focus group to identify the needs of the community and preferences for library services. The plan will benefit library users by targeting specific needs of both current library users and the community at large, and by developing ways the library can help meet those needs.

Hannibal Free Public Library- \$11,208

The library proposes to use a community survey as part of its long range strategic planning process. To accomplish this goal, the library will purchase a 12-month subscription to application software to create patron profiles. Ultimately, the library will use the information to develop an online survey and hold focus group to identify the needs of the community and preferences for library services.

Joplin Public Library- \$7,399

The library will provide a series of programs for students in grades 6-12 that encourage exploration of a variety of technologies, and foster collaboration, creativity, and problem-solving skills.

Joplin Public Library- \$3,361

The library aims to increase access to library materials and programming for seniors and other library patrons with special needs. The library will accomplish this goal by purchasing two mobility scooters.

Kansas City Public Library- \$11,217

The library will develop and implement a precursor to their Citizenship Prep classes. This class, called English for Citizenship, will serve as a stepping stone to the higher-level class that is currently inaccessible by many of their patrons most in need due to language barriers. The class, to be implemented at the North-East Branch location, will focus on literacy and language acquisition in order to give their clients a stronger foundation which they can use to successfully and actively participate in the library's Citizenship Prep class.

Racing to Read- \$149,571

Cape Girardeau Public Library- \$20,000

The library will focus on increasing awareness of the library's early childhood programs, promoting early learning, teaching parents and caregivers about the importance of play with purpose, and building a community that values early literacy. The library will update the early literacy, parenting, and board book collections, adding books and parent resources that support the five targeted skills areas. They will strengthen existing early childhood partnerships and cultivate new partnerships to help identify and reach at-risk families, by providing early literacy workshops, education, and support. They will provide 12 early literacy workshops in the library, five workshops at partner locations, one professional workshop for early childhood caregivers offering continuing education hours, and two family events at the library.

Carter County Library- \$12,579

The library plans to build a better relationship with the community and school through this grant. They will hold monthly programs with their partners: Ellsinore Head Start, Van Buren Early Head Start, and the Van Buren Preschool. The library will also have monthly toddler story times at the library, with emphasis on early literacy skills. The library will contract for three educational programs that will promote early literacy skill development to help reach the underserved community.

Carthage Public Library- \$6,750

The library will partner with the Carthage School District, Head Start, St. Ann's Catholic School, Boylan Trust, and Steadley Trust to continue to support early literacy development and prepare children ages 0-6 for school, with a focus on families who are English language learners and those who have children living in poverty. The library will hold weekly story time events, including bilingual story times, and families will be provided with a book to take home. The library will also hold story times at partner locations and enhance its children's area with new materials and supplies that encourage play and language development, and support symbolic development.

Cedar County Library- \$4,085

The library will provide more access to early literacy by holding six outreach events and four in-house programs. Additionally, the library will provide Toddler Story Time every week June through August, and every month from September through April. By partnering with the Head Start and the Health Department, the library hopes to expand its early literacy efforts throughout the community, especially to reach at-risk families.

Doniphan-Ripley County Library- \$7,003

The library will hold five early literacy family events at partner locations around Ripley County and three events at the library, using the Racing to Read to Go model. The library will expand the early learning corner of the library with board books and other materials. The library will make connections with parents of children ages 0-6 through library partnerships, and will distribute packets of early learning materials to aid those families. In addition, the library will further publicize story time, in order to reach a broader audience.

Henry County Library- \$3,056

The library will create a pre-literacy corner in both of their locations, targeting children who are not yet reading independently and their families. This new section will include stimulating activity stations and toys for children to engage with, and increase their collection of available board books to be used in these areas. The library is hoping by providing these spaces, they will see an increase of families with infants and toddlers coming to the libraries.

Joplin Public Library- \$15,376

The library will continue Explore and Play sessions, which help demonstrate to families the five early literacy practices contained in the *Early Literacy Fundamentals* training. The library will partner with two organizations, United Way Success by Six, and Project CARE to provide off-site literacy-based training, extending outreach further into the community. In addition, the library will purchase developmentally appropriate materials to improve their early literacy collection.

Mid-Continent Public Library- \$5,100

The library will continue to partner with the Independence School District's Early Education Center at Truman High School in Independence, MO, to support and improve their joint program called Teens, Tots, and Tales (T3). Through the T3 program, the library works with teen parents to establish good family literacy practices. Each session will focus on a specific family literacy practice or skill, and feature a Missouri award nominee book and an early literacy board book, which teen participants will keep to practice the skills learned and also to expand their home collections. In addition, the library will hold an Early Literacy Symposium targeted at childcare professionals, to help improve early literacy in the community by training the staff who provide a great deal of early literacy instruction to children.

Neosho/Newton County Library- \$11,815

The library will set up early literacy activity tables at school events, Head Start events and Parents as Teachers events around the county, in order to promote early literacy fundamentals, share Racing to Read skill cards, distribute books to help create home collections, and to create awareness for the library and its early literacy resources. The library will hold in-house early literacy programs with educational presenters, as well as purchase early literacy manipulatives and supplies for the children's area.

Riverside Regional Library- \$3,996

The library will strengthen partnerships with the local daycares, schools, Parks and Recreation, and Parents as Teachers to better reach children ages 0-6 who are considered to be high-risk. The library will begin holding toddler story times every week during the summer, in addition to holding six early literacy programs in its summer schedule. They will hold Early Literacy Family Events at partner locations, including schools, where staff will integrate the skills learned at the Early Literacy Fundamentals workshop by modeling and discussing techniques that parents and other caregivers can use to help their children improve early literacy skills.

St. Joseph Public Library- \$19,056

The library's goal is to encourage parents and caregivers to participate in their child's early literacy skill development through hands-on activities, and for families to feel confident, supported, and prepared throughout their child's early learning experience. To help accomplish this, the library will hold 3 onsite and 11 off-site early literacy events for families, in collaboration with different community partners. In addition, the library will continue to refine their current early literacy programs and activities to effectively communicate the essential components of reading readiness and provide unique opportunities for families to work on early literacy skills together. At each event, families will receive one free book, have the opportunity to interact with early literacy experts, and experience exciting ways to practice Racing to Read skills using easily replicable activities.

St. Louis County Library- \$22,905

The library will create 24 early literacy skill videos to enable parents, children and caregivers to have access to early literacy skills and techniques in a fun and interactive way. These videos will have staff performing early literacy activities, such as finger plays, scarf songs and rhymes. The library will host eight early literacy events for families and caregivers, and provide bookmarks promoting the videos and early literacy skills.

St. Louis Public Library- \$17,850

The library will hold early literacy events, focusing on the five practices of Every Child Ready to Read (ECRR): Read, Write, Talk, Sing, and Play. Training for staff by an ECRR trainer will ensure that all staff model ECRR practices in story times, at outreach programs, and when talking to parents. To ensure that children in St. Louis are developing 21st Century STEM skills, a “Tech for Tots” program will be added to the library’s preschool offerings, with a focus on basic coding and robotics. To ensure that learning continues at home, tablets, pre-loaded with early literacy content, will be added to the Library’s circulating collections.

Spotlight on Literacy- \$52,581**Cape Girardeau Public Library- \$6,689**

The library aims to enhance its services to children in grades kindergarten through fourth grade and their families. The library will accomplish this goal by providing a program entitled *Read More, Play More for Grade K-4*. Through this program, the library will provide outreach, in- house programming, and resources that focus on literacy development.

Carthage Public Library- \$10,000

The library aims to continue its successful literacy program to help adult patrons for whom English is not a native language by providing English language and citizenship instruction.

Kirkwood Public Library- \$9,324

The library will host a series of interconnected programs on the topic of race. The desired outcomes include helping families and patrons of all ages start and strengthen conversations about race and racism. Activities will include: 1) The library will provide early literacy discussion kits for Kirkwood Parents as Teachers (PAT) educators to use with parents and families to help them discuss issues of race and cultural diversity. The kits are part of the Library’s partnership with We Stories, a local non-profit helping parents initiate conversations about race using children’s literature; 2) In partnership with We Stories and PAT, will provide training for PAT educators and library staff on how to support meaningful parent-child interactions and adult learning; 3) The library will provide a family-centered event for the community with speakers from We Stories, storytelling, activities and library materials that support families beginning these conversations; 4) In partnership with the Community for Understanding and Hope (CFUH) Book Group, the library will provide discussion kits for adults to help local book groups discuss issues of race and cultural diversity; and 5) The library will sponsor a Community Read event in partnership with CFUH to include an author presentation and discussion.

Little Dixie Regional Libraries- \$4,062

The library will promote early literacy to the children in Randolph and Monroe counties by creating and promoting 15 StoryWalks, which will incorporate reading and physical activity in a fun and creative way. The library plans to implement the StoryWalks in a variety of settings including city streets, local community parks, nature trails, and playgrounds.

Mid-Continent Public Library- \$7,527

The library will provide a literacy program that focuses on the STEAM concept of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math-based education and target children from third to sixth grade. This project will promote digital literacy to underserved youth throughout the library system through coding and virtual reality programming.

Penney High School Library, Hamilton R-2 School District- \$5,470

The library aims to improve its digital services for students by providing before and after school digital learning sessions. The sessions will serve as both enrichments to their daily curriculum and help students who need additional support with technology tools.

Sikeston Public Library- \$9,509

The library will have a literacy program in partnership with the Lincoln University Rising Higher After School Program for grades 5 and 6. The program will have three components: 1) strengthening math and reading skills utilizing computer software, 2) character development, and 3) individualized tutoring. The program will address the needs of high-risk participants based on academic, behavior and self-esteem issues.

Technology Ladder Grants- \$163,469**Barry-Lawrence Regional Library- \$14,936**

The library will replace and upgrade 10 firewalls. The upgrade will enable the library to have full control and visibility of network connections, reporting capability to identify problems and usage of network resources, and the ability to integrate with other systems to provide identity-based network security policies.

Bollinger County Library- \$24,509

The library will upgrade and improve technology services available to library patrons by replacing the following pieces of technology: nine monitors, thirty computer towers and two printers. This project will improve the performance of the technology services offered to the patrons of the library and better meet patron demand.

Cape Girardeau Public Library- \$7,275

The library requests funding to redesign its aging website. The current website does not meet the demands and expectations of the library or its patrons. The new website will enhance the users' experience, and improve the ability of visitors to find information, search the catalog, and update their accounts.

Carter County Library- \$6,022

The library requests funding to redesign its aging website. Redesigning the website will improve user experience, streamline navigation for visitors, improve search capabilities, and provide more interactive features.

Doniphan-Ripley County Library- \$17,691

The library will replace ten desktop computers, three laptops, four thin client laptops, and install four monitors, and ten large print keyboards. In addition, the library will add three e-readers, to make access to e-materials easier, and install two replacement wireless access points, two new barcode scanners, a color printer, and two drawing tablets for use primarily by youth.

Hickory County Library- \$5,326

The library will replace ten laptops in the computer lab, one instructor laptop and thirteen wireless mice. The laptop computers are running obsolete operating systems. By replacing the laptops, the library will better meet patron expectations, allow new computer programs to be taught, and improve customer satisfaction.

Kansas City Public Library- \$36,922

The library will replace 36 public access computers at the Southeast Branch. The Southeast Branch serves a population that is largely living in poverty and without access to the internet at home. The replacement and centralization of public access computers will improve the library's ability to assist patrons with accessing, understanding, and utilizing the digital resources they need to succeed in today's world.

Mid-Continent Public Library- \$24,430

To better meet patron demand on the library's network and Wi-Fi systems, the library will purchase a new remote access server and wireless access points. In addition to increasing speed, these new devices will provide IT staff with additional control over the system, allowing for faster updates and an increased level of security.

Poplar Bluff Municipal Library- \$6,474

The library will improve patron services by replacing and upgrading six public access laptops with all-in-one computers. In addition, the library will add a public print-release kiosk and software that facilitate wireless printing.

Richmond Heights Memorial Library- \$12,988

The library will replace two circulation computers, an outreach tablet, and four public access catalog computers in order to ensure continuity of access and reliability of technology-based services. In addition, the library will also replace four staff computers in circulation services, and five printers for staff and public use.

Webster Groves Public Library- \$6,896

The library will add two workstations complete with video/photo/audio editing software. This will establish the beginnings of a makerspace and provide tools for maintaining the library's website. Additionally, the library will replace eight staff computers, enabling staff to work more efficiently.